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FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 2, 2015/2016

BME2054 – MALAYSIAN ECONOMY

(All sections / Groups)

12 MARCH 2016
2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of 2 pages with 5 Questions only.

2. Attempt **ANY FOUR** questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.

3. Please write all your answers in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1

According to the Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Mohamad Hanadzlah, Malaysia's Gini Coefficient index was at 0.431 as at end-2012 compared with other countries in the region such as Thailand at 0.4, Indonesia at 0.37 and India 0.33. (The Star,3 August, 2013)

a) What is Gini Coefficient index? (3 marks)

b) Elaborate the above statement made by the Second Finance Minister. (12 marks)

c) Suggest any **two** measures that can be used to solve the above problem faced by Malaysia. (10 marks)

Total: 25 marks

Question 2

a) Define human capital. (5 marks)

b) Describe the concept of brain drain. Based on your opinion, discuss why is it important for Malaysian government to address the brain drain issue. (20 marks)

Total: 25 marks

Question 3

a) Define Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs). (5 marks)

b) Discuss any **two** contributions of small and medium enterprise to Malaysian economy. (10 marks)

c) Elaborate any **two** actions SMEs in Malaysia should take of being competitive in the market. (10 marks)

Total: 25 marks

Question 4

a) Differentiate between a commodity driven economy and a knowledge driven economy. (6 marks)

b) Explain why it is crucial for Malaysia to embark on a knowledge based economy. (10 marks)

c) Discuss any **two** measures taken by the government to transform Malaysian economy to a knowledge based economy. (9 marks)

Total: 25 marks

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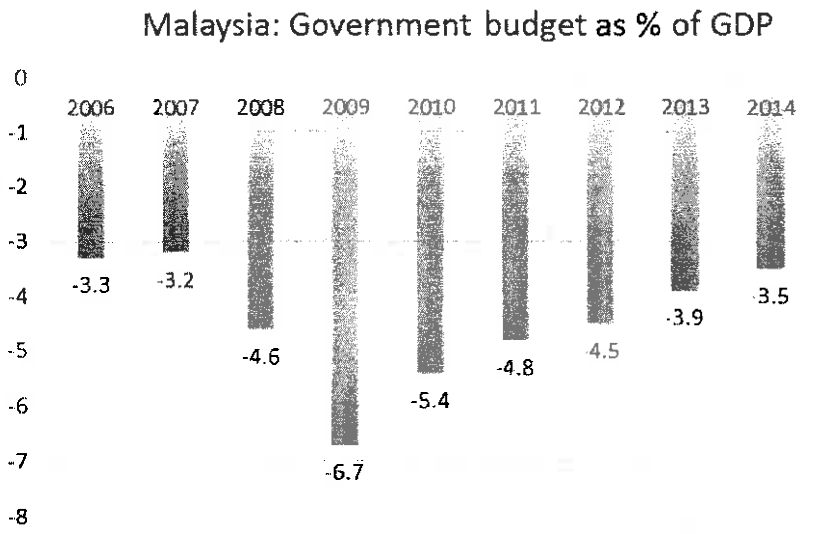
Question 5

a) Define fiscal deficit. (3 marks)

b) Refer to chart below, comment on the fiscal deficit in Malaysia. (12 marks)



c) In your opinion, what must the Malaysian government do to improve its fiscal budget? (10 marks)

Total: 25 marks

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